









ask you to vote the sum calculated for the expenditure of the year, and at the same time placed before the Council on the 10th May I think it there had been any objection to it the Government would most likely have heard of it in the interval.

The Surveyor-General—The amount expended this year and that asked for next year together form about four-fifths of the amount of the total estimate.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead—Is there any risk of Mr. Chadwick's plans being departed from with a change of officers?

The Chairman—No, I should say none, because Mr. Chadwick is consulting engineer at home. He is paid £200 a year for his duties in connection with this work and he is in constant communication with the Resident Engineer. I do not think the Resident Engineer would be justified in departing from his plans.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead—In connection with former works plans have been departed from, which has undoubtedly led the Government into larger expenditure than was contemplated.

The Surveyor-General—Would the member mention what public works he refers to?

Mr. T. H. Whitehead—Well, the Victoria College and the Hospital quarters, for instance.

The Surveyor-General—The increased expenditure on

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was not due to any departure from the original plans, I think, but owing to the

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having turned out a great deal worse than was expected.

Mr. Ho Kai—How did the foundations turn out worse than expected?

The Surveyor-General—I don't know that I can make my words any clearer. Provision was not made in the estimates for such a bad foundation as was found when the ground was opened up.

Mr. C. P. Chater—That surely would not make the difference between what it was estimated to cost and what it did cost.

The Surveyor-General—Yes, the papers show it accounts for the greater part of the difference.

Mr. C. P. Chater—But not the whole. The actual cost was nearly double the estimate.

The Surveyor-General—It was not from any alteration in the plans. Perhaps the cost of work went up.

C. P. Chater—That is very likely, but surely that could not make the whole difference, because it was nearly doubled.

The Chairman—I do not think we ought to discuss the Victoria College on a vote for new water mains. The matter has been alluded to, which is quite justifiable, as showing that care must be taken, but I think Mr. Chadwick in England will exercise every care, and I do not think the Resident Engineer will depart from the instructions laid down for him.

The Surveyor-General said he could not depart from them without the authority of the Government.

VOTES AGREED TO.

The Peak water supply \$7,000; Sewerage of the City of Victoria \$23,000 (asked for upon the strength of Mr. Chadwick's special report of which \$7,000 is to be used in 1891; Sewerage of Hong Kong \$100,000; Sewerage of Yuen Long \$15,000; Water Supply of Kowloon peninsula \$180,000; expenditure in 1891, \$100,000 on preliminary works; Miscellaneous Minor Works \$5,000.

THE REDUCTION OF POSTAL RATES.

Upon the subject of the proposed reduction of rates of postage to and from Europe, the Acting Colonial Secretary asked the Council to arrive at a decision in order that the Government could telegraph a reply to the Secretary of State's telegram of the 11th instant.

After considerable discussion Mr. J. Kewick proposed, and Mr. C. P. Chater seconded, that the rate of postage between Hong Kong and the Postal Union Countries be reduced from ten to seven cents for every half-ounce letter.

Carried unanimously.

A full report of the discussion which took place on this subject will appear in our issue to-morrow.

THE INCREASED MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

The following despatches respecting the increased military contribution in Hong Kong were laid on the table at the Council meeting yesterday afternoon:—

Government House, Hong Kong, 10th September, 1890.

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 148, of the 25th of July, transmitting to me correspondence which has raised between the Colonial Office and the War Department on the subject of the increased military contribution by this colony.

I am to add that Mr. Stanhope is content in presuming that the contribution of £40,000 will be duly paid for the current calendar year.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSON, The Under Secretary of State, War Office.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

About six o'clock last night, when the fire alarm was sounded it was found that a fire was raging in the back part of the Sei Tai shop, No. 112 Queen's Road Central. In addition to burning down part of the Sei Tai store the flames consumed No. 39 Stanley Street. The Fire Brigade under the command of Superintendent Wodehouse and Assistant Superintendent Horrold, was on the spot and after battling hard with the flames for fully two hours succeeded in getting the fire well under control by 9 o'clock.

The Sei Tai shop was insured on two policies of \$10,000 and \$5,000 in the Northern Insurance Co., for which Messrs. Hewitt & Co. are the agents, the latter policy having been renewed only a few days ago, while the former policy will expire to-morrow. The house No. 39, Stanley Street was not insured and had only been occupied by its present tenant a few days. The amount of damage done to the Sei Tai shop is estimated at upwards of \$7,000. During the operations carried on by the brigade Mr. W. S. Marten appeared on the scene, as a spectator and was quietly spotted by one of the light-fingered fraternity who failing to get the coveted gold watch and chain, is now doing six months hard labour, at the request of Mr. Wodehouse before whom he made his pleas this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE PEAK TRAM.

To the Editor of the "Hong Kong Telegraph."

Sir,—I think it is high time that some notice was taken respecting the management of the High Level Tramway Company. Yesterday (Monday) a car did not run at 12.15 or at 12.30 p.m. for the stupid reason that there were no European, only Chinese, passengers. Now, I had arranged that my foreman should meet me at a certain house on the Peak, and after waiting three-quarters of an hour he arrived and explained that he could not get a tram owing to the reason already stated. Is this management or mismanagement? If time-tables are issued and advertised for the information of the public they should surely be adhered to—even if those who lay themselves under an obligation to the Company by paying for a passage are Chinese.

mem. It was not only a matter of great inconvenience to me, but waste time and money lost.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

A BUSINESS MAN, Hong Kong, December 16th, 1890.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Hong Kong Telegraph."

Sir,—Seeing a paragraph in the *Shanghai Mercury* (taken from your paper) about the breakdown of the Electric light, I should like to ask the energetic Managers of your Electric Light Company how it was that the external circuit was not tested for insulation, and why is the Dynamo placed on "earth," instead of on some kind of insulation? It is plain to me that the fault occurred in the field magnets of the Dynamo, due to the external circuit coming in contact with the lamp post. If the two external wires had made a wire, the current would have passed through the automatic regulator and consequently dropping the E.M.F. to suit the lamps in circuit. I have seen the engineer in the Shanghai Electric Station working five lamps on a 2,600 volt machine. But, of course, practice makes perfect, and I have no doubt if the Company in Hong Kong continues for a time the management will gain experience.

Yours truly, FRED. BENWELL.

"Astor House," Shanghai, 12th December, 1890.

STRANDING OF THE "TOKIO MARU."

The following telegraphic advices respecting the stranding of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's well-known Shanghai liner *Tokio Maru*, Capt. Drummond, were received by the *N.C. Daily News* in the 9th instant.

YOKOHAMA, 9th Dec., 6.20 p.m.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Tokio Maru*, Captain Drummond, ran on shore in a fog on Saturday morning, the 6th instant, to the westward of Mori Ledge. There was a terrific gale last night, and she must become a total wreck.

[The *Tokio Maru*, a steamer well known here, and sister ship to the *Yokohama Maru*, must have been returning from Hakodate to Yokohama. Mela Ledge, on which she had the misfortune to strike, is a reef of rocks off Mela Head, at the southern extremity of the province of Awa, at the south-eastern corner of the island of Nippon. It is about 35 miles from Yokohama. There is a light-house close by on No Shima Saki.—Ed.]

In a subsequent issue, our contemporary says:—We learn from Mr. Graham, the local agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, that he is informed by wire from Tokio that the *Tokio Maru* is badly stranded, position very serious. She has not broken up yet apparently, and as she has survived at least one gale, there are hopes that she will be got off as she is a very strongly built ship. It is difficult to believe that she can be on Mela Ledge, or she would have broken up long ago. It is reasonable to suppose that there has been no loss of life.

The *Mercury* commenting on the above, in its issue of the 11th instant, says:—Beyond the telegram to our morning contemporary respecting the unfortunate disaster to the *Tokio Maru*, no further information on the subject is at hand. The presumption of Mr. Graham, the Company's Agent here, is that the steamer was on her way from Hakodate to Yokohama. The wreck upon which she struck is situated at the south-eastern extremity of Awa province, in the island of Nippon, and about 38 miles from Yokohama. There is a lighthouse quite close to those point, on No Shima Saki, which fact will make it awkward for poor Capt. Drummond, who is one of the oldest captains in the company's service, having a record of 25 years as captain without an accident of any kind. No mention being made of passengers, it is to be inferred that they are safe. The *Tokio* is a sister ship of the *Yokohama Maru*, and very popular here.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, for *Rickets*, *Muscular*, and all wasting disorders of children, is very remarkable in its results. The rapidity with which children gain flesh and strength upon it is very wonderful. Read the following:—I have tried Scott's Emulsion in cases of wasting in young children, and I am of opinion that it is a valuable preparation for such cases. The children take it and ask for more, and the good effects are apparent. I consider it far superior to ordinary Cod Liver Oil.—J. MARSHALL, M.R.C.S., &c., 143, Grange Road, Brompton, S.E. Any Chemist can supply it.—A.S. Watson & Co. (Ltd.), agents in Hong Kong and China.—*Adv.*

Today's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A "PICK UP" will be commenced at 11 A.M., on SATURDAY, the 20th inst.

Members willing to play will please sign their names, either on a list lying on the table in the club ante-room or on the one in the Cricket Pavilion on or before 6 p.m., on FRIDAY, the 19th inst.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1714]

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY. (Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offered).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TEHERAN,"

Captain C. D. Sams, R.N.R., will leave for the above places, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at NOON.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1715]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that the FIRST CALL of Five Dollars (\$5) per Share on Shares in the above Company is payable to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before MONDAY, the 19th January, 1891.

Interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum will be charged on all calls overdue.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1719]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS IN THE EAST BORNEO, SONGEE KOYAH, & LAMAG PLANTING COMPANIES.

SHAREHOLDERS are invited to attend a MEETING to be held at the Offices of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., No. 6, Ice House Lane, at 4.30 p.m., TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, to receive a report from the Joint Committee.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1720]

## Go-Dap's Advertisements.

TO LET, With Immediate Possession.

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16th December, 1890. [1717]

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THE MARINE HOTEL.

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Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1718]

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1716]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "OCEANIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1890. [1712]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "POSEIDON" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns known as The Hong Kong Wharf and Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From Trieste, ex S.S. "IMPERATOR," transhipped at Bombay.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. "MARIA TERESA," transhipped at Colombo.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before noon on the 19th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1890. [1698]

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "PAKLING" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before noon on the 19th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th December, 1890. [1706]

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1890.

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

By arrangement with the Victoria Recreation Club, the Floating Hotel below will be used as a Flotilla at the Regatta.

Admission, One Dollar each per day, Children half-price.

The usual Hotel charges for Refreshments including meals, will be made.

No chits taken.

Tickets may be obtained on board the launches or from the Secretary at 54 Queen's Road Central.

A Launch will run at frequent intervals from Feller's Wharf.

Charge Twenty-five cents. Return fare. By order of the board of Directors.

J. A. BARRETT, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th December, 1890. [1713]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS AND CONTRACTORS.

YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS, KOWLOON.

OFFICE—No. 12, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong, 25th August, 1890. [1705]

## Intimations.

NOTICE OF 5TH AND FINAL CALL.

LABUK PLANTING Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 5th and FINAL CALL of \$15 per Share, on the 4,000 Shares, numbered 1001/5000 is payable to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 15th January, 1891, and Calls not paid on said date are liable to pay Interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th January, 1891, both days inclusive.

TURNER & Co., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1890. [1700]

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS, Manager.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1890. [1702]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Hong Kong, 10th December, 1890. [1691]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE undersigned is prepared to purchase FRACTIONAL CERTIFICATES at current market rates. Persons holding same are requested to apply at the Company's Office No. 4, Praya Central.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1890. [1649]

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of the Shares in the above Company, bearing the Numbers specified below, that unless the Call of Fifty Dollars per Share, due on the 17th day of July, 1890, be paid together with interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the said due date, to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 17th day of December, 1890, the said shares will be liable to be FORFEITED, and under the provision of Section X, Subsection VIII of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board will meet the necessary resolution for the Forfeiture of the said shares Nos.

6/8, 17/14, 22/101, 327/350, 382/391, 407/441, 542/551, 697/1000, 1076/1103, 1184/1191, 1192/1248, 1249/1256, 1527/1576, 1597/1606, 1817/1826, 1837/1846, 1956/1965, 2017/2176, 2456/2524, 2771/2807, 2816/2825, 2851/2900, 3141/3150, 3161/3197, 3276/3291, 3371/3395, 3461/3506, 3507/3515, 3556/3585.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. WHEELEY, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th November, 1890. [1598]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of December, instant, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of passing a special resolution that the Articles of Association of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, be amended by adding at the end of Article 9th the words following:—

"Any Share, in respect of which all the Instalments shall not have been paid, on or before the Sixteenth day of January, 1891, shall be forfeited, and any Shares so forfeited shall be deemed to be the absolute property of the Company and may be re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, as the General Manager shall determine, and any Member whose Shares shall have been forfeited shall not be entitled to such forfeiture, he being liable to pay to the Company 'all Instalments due in respect of such Shares at the time of forfeiture.'"

C. EWENS, General Manager.

Hong Kong, 5th December, 1890. [1652]

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